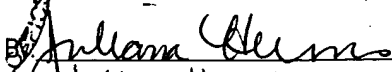
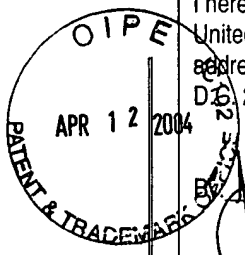


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OF USE THEREOF**

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Notice of Appeal with the appropriate Petition for Extension of Time was filed on January 7, 2004. Accordingly, the following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A Request for Continued Examination (RCE);
- 2) A petition to extend the period of response 1 month;
- 3) Nine pages of formal drawings;
- 4) A Terminal Disclaimer;
- 5) A Sequence Listing paper copy; and
- 6) A Sequence Listing computer readable format (disk).